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REMARKS ON *PTILORIS WILSONII*, OGDEN.

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In my description of *Ptiloris Wilsonii* (Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., p. 451, 1875), two important characters were considered as being sufficient upon which to establish the species; but, since the publication of the article, it has been observed that the legs and feet are those of another bird.

This specimen was presented to the Academy by Dr. T. B. Wilson as coming from the Rivoli Collection, and no doubt the present legs and feet were substituted for the absent ones so as to complete the mounting of the bird. This was not noticed at the time the bird was described, and credit is due to Mr. D. G. Elliot for directing my attention to it.

Reliance, however, may be placed upon the other characters—the extent of the metallic-colored feathers of the neck and breast, which differ from *Ptiloris magnificus* in that they are not confined to the centre of the throat, but extend around beneath the eyes, covering the sides of the neck, as well as in front. Now, whether this difference be due to the manner in which the specimen has been prepared, or not, remains yet to be fully determined, and cannot be without further investigation; if it is, then *Ptiloris Wilsonii* will have to stand as a synonym of *Ptiloris magnificus*.